

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
ex rel. MARK A. PERRY,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

BURLINGTON RESOURCES, INC.)
et al.,)

Defendants.)

CIV No. 99-00562, JP/RLP

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THE UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4), the United States notifies the Court that it hereby intervenes in this action.

The Government requests that only the complaint and this Notice be unsealed and served on the defendants. All other contents of the Court's file in this matter (including, but not limited to, any applications filed by the United States for an extension of the sixty-day investigative period, oppositions filed by the United States in response to the relator's motions, reply briefs, memoranda, and supporting documents) should remain under seal and not be made public or served upon the defendants.

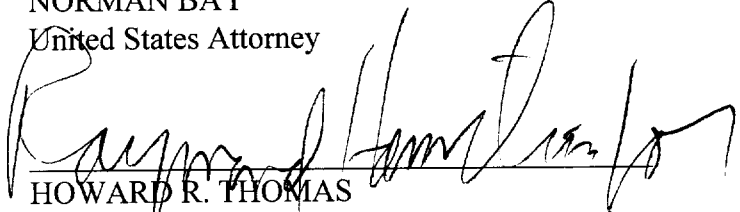
By filing this Notice the United States does not express an opinion concerning relator's status under the False Claims Act and hereby expressly reserves its right to present a motion to this Court in the future concerning relator's status.¹ A proposed order accompanies this notice.

¹ As of the date of this Notice, relator has failed to serve the United States with a "written disclosure of ... material evidence and information" as required by 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

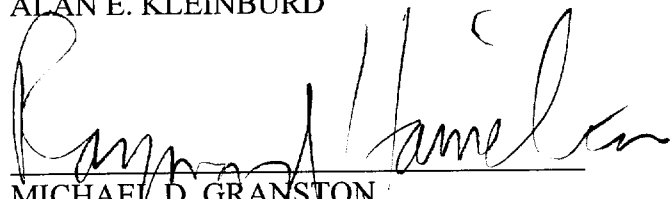
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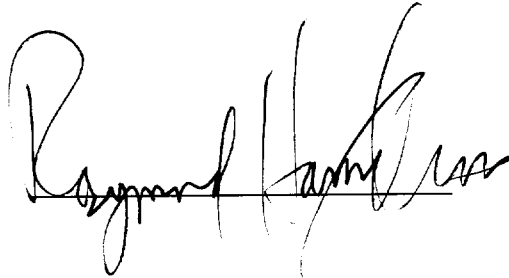
Dated: March 28, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **United States' Notice of Election to Intervene** and proposed Order were served via first-class mail, postage prepaid, on this 28th day of March, 2000, on:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Hirst", written over a horizontal line.